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1. Since about 1 August 1953, approximately one third of all reservists in Nevrokop Okoliya have been called up in a partial mobilization. All classes are affected. No Pomaks or anti-Communists have been recalled. Draft animals and carts have been requisitioned.

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2. On 20 August 1953, 23 out of 70 eligible reservists were called up in Osenovo (N 41-47, E 23-45), Nevrokop Okoliya. Allegedly, the ratio of recalls is the same elsewhere. No reserves were called up from the Moslem Village of Ribnovo (N 41-43, E 23-44), Nevrokop Okoliya.
3. The recalled reserves were processed and equipped in barracks in Nevrokop. A large unidentified unit is located at Cham Chiflik (N 41-36, E 23-44) camp.¹
4. In early August an unidentified infantry unit in Razlog moved to Nevrokop. The artillery of this unit was still at the Razlog barracks as of 15 August.
5. Since approximately 25 July, unidentified infantry, artillery, and Trudovak units have been moving into the Nevrokop area over the Saran'ovo (N 42-13, E 24-06) -Razlog railway line. Between 12 and 15 August, an average of 12 trains running daily in each direction on this line. The normal traffic for this line is two trains daily in each direction.
6. A special permit from the Militia or village Party headquarters is required for all movement in the Mesta Valley.

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Comment: On 27 August 1953, 4-5,000 men had been mobilized in the Nevrokop Okoliya. This confirmed the draft of animals, the recall of trustworthy Communists only, and the new concentration of troops in Nevrokop and Cham Chiflik.

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